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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 29 with the following amended paragraph:

The NAFION(TM) membrane (a co-polymer of TFE and fluorosulphonyl monomer) which is conditioned in water has been found to wrinkle and deform when the catalyst ink is brought in contact with the membrane. The catalyst ink includes catalyst, aliphatic alcohols, and dissolved NAFION(TM) ionomer. Since the solvent of the catalyst contains alcohol, a membrane soaked in pure water will wrinkle upon contact with the catalyst. As a result, a non-uniform catalyst layer may be formed.